



DRAFT program for the workshop

“Developing tools to ensure high quality MMOs in the ACCOBAMS area”

for the next ECS Conference (13th March 2016, Funchal, Madeira)

Place : Auditorium of Casa-Museu Frederico de Freitas – Regional Ministry of Tourism, Transports and Culture (Secretaria Regional do Turismo, Transportes e Cultura). It is an auditorium located in a House Museum and it is located in Casa-Museu Frederico de Freitas, Calçada de Santa Clara, nº 7, Funchal. (GPS coordinates: N32.65031 W16.91235)

Start time : 9h00 (welcome) until 17h30.

Title of the workshop : Developing tools to ensure high quality MMOs in the ACCOBAMS area

Aim : To present and discuss the tools under development to the professionals in order to **increase certificate efficiency** and define roles of the different actors and links among them

Abstract : Considering the growing numbers of seismic operations and related projects in the ACCOBAMS area and their known negative impacts on cetaceans, ACCOBAMS is developing a high quality training module to train MMO/PAM within the Agreement area (Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea and contiguous Atlantic area). This training module is composed of tools and a framework for implementation in accordance with current standards applied elsewhere in the world. Nevertheless, these tools will need to be known and accepted by professionals involved in the monitoring of noise at sea and its impact on cetaceans (scientific, political, industrial, MMO/PAM). The aim of the proposed workshop will be to present and discuss the tools under development with professionals in order to promote this certificate and define roles of the different actors and links between them. The specific objectives are (1) to further develop applicable and relevant tools, (2) to identify ways for these tools to be accepted by relevant bodies and organizations, and (3) to learn from best practice to reach high quality training standards.

Content :

- (1) **to further develop applicable and relevant tools (the frame, the process, the role and links of actors, the certification, ...).**
- (2) **to identify ways for these tools to be accepted by relevant bodies and organizations**
- (3) **to learn from best practice to reach high quality training standards**

Proposed Agenda :

Welcome / Registration : 9h00

Start : 9h30

- 1) An introductory presentation (Round table 10' and talk, Secretariat of ACCOBAMS, 10')
- 2) Tools for an implementation of MMO/PAM issue in the ACCOBAMS area (actors, links, accreditation...)
 - a. Presentation of the proposition of ACCOBAMS tools, with the organigram, roles and links (*talk, Working Group MMO : C. Lanfredi 15' + A. Maglio 10'*)
 - b. Discussion for improvement
 - c. Define the tools for ACCOBAMS
- 3) Promote and acceptance by professionals
 - a. Industrial (*talk, Working Group MMO, Y. Souami, 10'*)
 - b. Policy maker (*talk, Working Group MMO : Silvia Frey, 10'*)
 - c. Define the ways ACCOBAMS will approach industrials and country members during the Meeting of the Parties
- 4) Best practice (*and high quality training standards - HQTS*)
 - a. Presentation of the HQTS for MMO in the ACCOBAMS area and experiences of MMO (*talks, M. Ramdani, R. Benmessaoud, I. Benamer, M. Fouad, D. Popov, M. Paiu, M. Baines and M. Reichelt, ...*)
 - b. Discussion
 - c. Define the standards for ACCOBAMS
- 5) Conclusion, synthesis (*talk, chair, L. David*)

End : 17h30

Expected Outputs :

- 1) For the subject : to further develop applicable and relevant tools (the frame, the process, the role and links of actors, the certification :
⇒ **Define a process, the organigram, the link and role, the accreditation for MMO, etc.- Define THE ACCOBAMS TOOLS.**
- 2) For the subject : to identify ways for these tools to be accepted by relevant bodies and organizations
⇒ **Define a way toward industrials**
⇒ **Define a way to promote the mandatory involvement of MMO/PAMs in any impulsive noise-generating activities**
- 3) For the subject : to learn from best practice to reach high quality training standards
⇒ **Define standards and references for the ACCOBAMS area**

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